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Event # 40911

Rep Org: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY		Notification Date / Time: 07/30/2004 12:39 (EDT)	
Supplier: RADECO, LLC		Event Date / Time: 07/30/2004 (PDT)	
		Last Modification: 07/01/2005	
Region: 4		Docket #:	
City: RICHLAND		Agreement State: Yes	
County: BENTON		License #:	
State: WA			
NRC Notified by: JOHN H. SWAILES		Notifications: JAMES TRAPP	R1
HQ Ops Officer: HOWIE CROUCH		THOMAS DECKER	R2
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY		JOHN MADERA	R3
10 CFR Section:		RUSSELL BYWATER	R4
21.21 UNSPECIFIED PARAGRAPH			

PART 21 SAFETY HAZARD WITH RADECO PORTABLE AIR SAMPLER MODEL H-809VI

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection in Richland, WA has identified a potential safety issue with Radeco portable air sampler model H-809VI. This type of portable air sampler is utilized in the commercial nuclear industry.

A Health Physics Technician experience a mild shock while handling a Radeco portable air sampler when the sample holder was touched. Radeco has issued a recommendation or opinion for H-809V series electrical grounding.

Facilities should check sample holders on the Radeco H-809 and H-810 series samplers to assure proper grounding and no voltage on the sample holder.

** RETRACTION OF PART 21 FROM TANK FARMS (T.SMITH) TO J. KNOKE ON 07/01/05 ***

"The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP) in Richland, Washington requests closure of the referenced submitted courtesy notification of a potential safety issue with RADeCO, portable air sampler, model H-809VI to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. ORP's basis for closure of the submitted courtesy notification is as follows:

"The Underwriters Laboratory (UL) concluded the RADeCO Portable Air Sampler Model H-809VI, serial Number 8499, instrument DOES NOT present a generic safety problem. The report is available by request only.

"The RADeCO Portable Air Sampler instrument passed all of the UL tests.

"ORP concludes the matter does not represent a reportable concern covered by 10 CFR Part 21 requirements because loss of a single air monitor because of this issue would not increase risk to public health and safety when other instruments are in place to detect atmospheric radioactivity."

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Notifications were provided to R1DO(White), R2DO(Bonser), R3DO(Cameron), R4DO(Clark), NMSS(Holonich), and NRR(Carpenter).



U.S. Department of Energy

~~Office of River Protection~~P.O. Box 450
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Headquarters Operations Officer
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

FINAL REPORT FOR CLOSURE OF COURTESY NOTIFICATION OF A POTENTIAL
TITLE 10 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATION (CFR) PART 21 SAFETY HAZARD WITH
RADCO PORTABLE AIR SAMPLER MODEL H-809VI, SERIAL NUMBER 8499Reference: ORP letter from J. H. Swailes to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Courtesy
Notification of a Potential Title 10 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 21
Safety Hazard with RADCO Portable Air Sampler Model H-809VI, Serial
Number 8499," 04-TOD-054, dated July 30, 2004.The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP) in Richland, Washington
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If you have any questions, you may contact me, or your staff may contact Michael J. Royack,
Tank Farm Operations Division, (509) 376-4420.

Sincerely,

Thomas Z. Smith, Manager
for Tank Farms Operations

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